SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir, this should not be taken lightly... (*Interruptions*)...I do not know whether this is a case of another missing file... (*Interruptions*)... The Prime Minister's signature might be there on the file... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI: Sir, I am extremely sorry. I really did not expect this... (*Interruptions*)... If you want it, you can take it up next time... (*Interruptions*)... I will be ready next time... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Involvement of youth in National Reconstruction programmes

*183. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are committed to involve the youth of the country in the national reconstruction programmes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard so far;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are also committed to involve the youth in special schemes for employment and in their all-round development; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken so far in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The prgorammes are to raise awareness levels of our youth, inculcate knowledge and respect for the Constitution of India, democratic and secular values, promote the development of personality and character of youth, strengthening, awareness of our history and our rich diverse yet unified cultural heritage, promotion of national integration and the inculcation of the spirit of total unity, integrity and indivisibility of the country through National Integration camps, inter-state Youth visits, visits to and from border areas, involvement of youth in environmental enrichment and preservation, immunization, adult literacy and creation of community assets etc.

The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports have been implementing various youth programmes like National Service Scheme, Nehru Yuva Kendra Scheme, Promotion of National Integration, Assistance to Voluntary Organisations, Promotion of Adventure, Scouting and Guiding, National Service Volunteer Scheme, Exhibitions for Youth, Youth Hostels, Assistance to Youth Clubs, Training of Youth and National Youth Award to involve youth in national re-construction programmes. A national conference of youth leaders is being convened from 18th to 20th May, 1990 to chalk out a comprehensive National Youth Policy and programme of action to involve the youth in nation building activities.

Government is committed to encourage and promote vocational training, upgradation of skills and functional capabilities of youth through Schemes like Training of Youth and Assistance to Voluntary Organisations working in the field of youth. It is expected that the proposed National Conference of youth leaders will make further recommendations in this regard.